

Passion " ; that through ages of accumulating
wrongs and
almost unrivalled misery, they like us have
worshipped
the crucified Nazarene as the crowned and
risen Christ,
that to Him with us they bend the adoring
knee, and
that like us they lay their dead in
consecrated ground to
await through Him a joyful resurrection.

There were five degrees of frost during
the night, and
as I lay awake from cold the narratives I
had heard
and the extraordinary state of things in
which I so un-
expectedly found myself made a very deep
impression on
me. There, for the first time in my life, I
came into
contact with people grossly ignorant truly,
but willing to
suffer " the loss of all things," and to live in "
jeopardy
every hour" for religious beliefs, which are
not other-
wise specially influential in their lives. My
own circum-
stances, too, claimed some consideration,
whether to go
forward, or back to Urmi. It is obvious
from what I
hear that the bringing my journey to
Erzerum to a
successful issue will depend almost altogether
on my own
nerve, judgment, and power of arranging,
and that at
best there will be serious risks, hardships,
and difficulties,
which will increase as winter sets in. After
nearly
coming to the cowardly decision to return, I
despised
myself for the weakness, and having decided
that some
good to these people might come from
farther acquaintance with their circumstances, I fell
asleep, and now
the die is cast.

- ^ We were ready at daybreak the next

morning, but for
the same reasons as those given at Merwana
did not, start
till seven for an eleven hours' march. I
tQokJbwo armed
horsemeft-ajid six 'armed footmen, all/fee
fellows usSft-
to the work
of reconnoitring & protecting. Three of
them scouted the liole.jbiEa'e high up on the
sides of the
pass, not with the purposeless sensational
scouting of
Persian *sowars*, but with the earnestness
of men who